

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4315

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C.20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C.20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UTRGV Dry-Room project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, located at 1201 West University Dr., Edinburg, TX, 78539.

The funding would be used to add required infrastructure equipment into UTRGV's manufacturing incubator for the development of additional industry sectors within the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because having this equipment added to UTRGV's research capacity could significantly bolster our region's ability to attract new companies to the area therefore creating local research, potential job growth and considerable stimulus to the local economy. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Monica De La Cruz
Member of Congress
15th Congressional District